National Airports Authority to undertake the expansion project.

(d) Such a plan is neither necessary nor feasible in the near future.

[Translation]

Supply of wagons to Madhya Pradesh

3556. DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of wagons supplied to Madhya Pradesh each month during last one year for transportation of coal to industrial units situated in that region;

(b) whether wagons provided are much less than asked for; and

(c) if so, the measures taken to increase the supply of wagons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) The number of wagons supplied at Pench/Kanhan coalfield of Western Coalfields and Korea Rewa and Main line coalfields of South Eastern Coalfields for transportation of coal to industrial units in Madhya Pradesh during last one year have been as follows:

August,90	11494	wagons
September, 90	11219	"
October, 90	9070	"
November, 90	12123	"
December, 90	11949	"
January, 91	11594	"
February, 91	11229	"
March, 91	12837	"
April, 91	9937	"
May, 91	10001	"
June, 91	8490	"
July, 91	9045	"

(b) and (c) Loading of coal to industries is generally less than programme for loading to them on account of less offers of coal by coal companies and higher demand of Thermal Power Stations. Railways are meeting demand of wagons for loading coal in full.

Supply of Coal to Industrial Units in Madhya Pradesh

3557. DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the quota of steam coal and slack coal allotted to Madhya Pradesh every month during the last year;

(b) whether this allotment is sufficient to meet the requirement of the industrial units in the State;

(c) whether due to non-availability of railway wagons in time, the loading of allotted quantity of coal is affected considerably; and

(d) if so, the efforts made or proposed to be made to overcome this difficulty?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S.B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) According to information furnished by Ministry of Railways, Railway Board earmarks monthly wagon ceiling limits for movement of coal to various States. The details of month-wise quota (ceiling) fixed for Madhya Pradesh for the period August, 1990 to July, 1991 are as follows:

MONTH	*STEAM (BOXES)*	*SLACK (BOXES)*
August, 90	874	169
Sept. 90	874	169
Oct. 90	874	169
Nov. 90	874	169
Dec. 90	874	169
Jan. 91	1040	214
Feb. 91	1040	214
March, 91	1040	214
April, 91	1040	214
May, 91	1040	214
June, 91	1040	214
July, 91	1040	214

(b) to (d) The month-wise quota stated above is based on the annual quota of wagons fixed State-wise by the Executive Director, Rail Movement (EDRM) in consultation with the concerned State's Directorate of Industries, the Coal Companies, and the Railways. This quota is fixed on the basis of demand and availability of wagons for movement of coal. The full coal demand cannot be met by rail despatch alone, and coal is

also despatched by road to supplement the rail supplies to meet the demand of industrial units. Railways endeavour to allot and supply wagons as per offer made by coal companies. However, due to reasons of undue detention of wagons by consumers, long leads, etc. wagon availability at times becomes low. This problem is being resolved by Railways by making efforts to reduce turn-around-time of wagons, and improving availability of wagons.

[*English*]

Reservation Facilities on any IA Flights

3558. SHRI PRAKASH BAPU VASANTRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any plan to enable air passengers to get reservation on any Indian Airlines flight from any place in the country at the eleventh hour; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) With the reinduction of the A-320 fleet, Indian Airlines will be increasing the seat capacity offered. It will be the constant endeavour of Indian Airlines to offer capacity that would meet the traffic demand, subject of course to traffic potential and commercial viability justifying it.

Increase in Air Passengers

3559. SHRI PRAKASH BAPU VASANTRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the total expected increase in air passengers in the country during the next three years and how the Government proposed to cater their needs;

(b) the expected shortage of capacity in comparison to demand in different sectors; and

(c) the time by which the Government propose to have enough capacity to meet the demand in full?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c) As compared to 98.5 lakh passengers carried in 1989-90, Indian Airlines carried 78.4 lakh passengers in 1990-91 mainly because of the grounding of the A320 fleet. Indian Airlines is likely to carry about 95 lakh passengers in the current year (1991-92). The increase in demand over the current year is expected to be of the order of 10 lakh passengers every year over the next three years so that Indian Airlines may carry about 125 lakh passengers by 1994-95. With the full utilisation of the eighteen A320 aircraft currently in its fleet and twelve more A320 aircraft to be acquired in 1993 and 1994, it should be possible for Indian Airlines to cope with this demand.

Supply of Coal to Industries

3560. SHRI RAJENDRA KUMAR SHARMA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated demand and supply of coal to the industries during the last two years;

(b) the loss to the industries due to short supply of coal; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to improve the supply of coal?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S.B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) The estimated demand and supply of coal to other industries (other than steel, cement and fertilizer industries) during last 2 years is as follows:

(data provision)
(in million tonnes)

Year	*Demand*	*Offtake of coal*	*Satisfaction (percentage)*
1989-90	39.70 (1.70)	34.55	87%
1990-91	40.10 (1.27)	39.12	97.5%

(Figures in brackets indicate washery middling).

(b) The Ministry of Coal has no quantified information regarding losses to industries due to short supply of coal.

(c) Government have taken steps to increase coal production by opening new mines, using appropriate technology, and improving productivity; and to increase despatches by improving Railway wagon availability.